

Ridgewood School  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes-November12, 2009

**Board members present:** J. Gianakopoulos, C. Misick, P. Campbell, A. Syed, N. Pavlatos, A. Ahmed C. Sekhar

Others present: R. Yontz, D. Rigney, B. Woods

Meeting was called to order by P. Campbell at 5:35 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September meeting minutes are approved with changes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** P. Campbell presented. The audit should be done by Friday or early next week. The audit will be at no cost by Miss Hughes. The goals from the audit are to get a position statement, best practices information, and know what we can do to improve. A. Ahmed will be present for the audit presentation.

**ADMISSIONS REPORT:** We have 81 students. We have 1 possible prospective student for next year.

**PATT:** There is no chair person. Carolyn Misick is the Thanksgiving chair. They are working on Ridgewood Times and are hoping to be finished by early December. The next auction meeting is set for Saturday, November 21st at 9am/Panera Bread or Ridgewood.

**CURRICULUM REPORT:** It was suggested to have Kathy Sahle from Catholic Central as well as someone from Springfield High to talk to our 8th grade parents and students. Millie Vollmer of Catholic Central, will send a letter stating our French class will be accepted for credit but not towards G.P.A. We are in the process of checking Roosevelt's science and math curriculum. We will look into our kids taking Algebra 1 at a Northeastern school or Springfield High. Dee Dee is trying to work with Mrs. Barnes about block scheduling to get core classes with more time. Discussed starting the school day at 8am.

**PERSONNEL:** D. Rigney reported two deaths in Ridgewood family. Mr. Foreman and Dr. Kalweit. Parents helped on Monday with manning school and classes.

**MARKETING:** B. Woods stated we are able to put signage on the land between St. Paris connector. It is \$437 for a sign with yellow letters. \$1000 for a sign like we have out front. We raised \$3129 from the golf outing after expenses. It was asked if we should use some of this for sign and or website changes. There was a detailed proposal from the gentleman who will possibly help with website. B. Woods is getting a proposal from Cerium group (Landon Wade). It will be around \$2500. She will check to see if giving can be made online and will also check with Mr. Bob Rafferty to see if he can help us. The new brochure is almost done. We will send it out for printing in January. An Ad for the Chamber of Commerce View book will be about \$450/year and \$900/2 years. It was decided not to do the Ad. We are placing ads in Wittenberg and Urbana University newspapers. P. Campbell discussed the Ridgewood sign out front and says he cannot take sign apart yet. He wants to flip the sign to show the nicer side. We will ask Mrs. Gerlinger to paint it with polyurethane.

**HEADMASTERS REPORT:** R. Yontz reported that we have an opportunity to fill out applications for Excellence in Teaching Awards. He has given the staff a book called Yardsticks for professional reading. Next semester they will be reading Never Work Harder Than Your Students. There were

40 parent teacher conferences on November 10. The food drive ends Nov.24th. Thanksgiving break is Nov. 25, 26, 27. Three trees died out back and were replaced by Scarfs. Miss G. and Mr.. Yontz went to a professional development workshop on bullying Nov. 11. Lower level will be going to Sunwatch for a field trip, Upper level will be going to Wright State for a field trip, and the whole school will be going to the Nutcracker at Kuss Center. The 8th graders are going to N.Y. city for their 8th grade trip. The Diwali celebration raised \$1337 to be donated to the school. This will not be used as a fundraiser in the future to ensure we are not having to many fundraisers throughout the year. Discussion of 8th grade trip. How many chaperones? Who is paid for? How? It was recommended to have two chaperones, have a suggested itinerary of what kids will see, and how it ties into the curriculum. Health inspector came and things are good.